

29 June 2018

Match highlights

Japan-Poland

- ⚽ Japan became the first team to reach the knockout phase of a World Cup due to FIFA Fair Play. The criteria was previously used to determine that USA and France finished first and second respectively in Group C at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in 2016.
- ⚽ Japan played their 20th World Cup game.
- ⚽ Makoto Hasebe, Eiji Kawashima, Yuto Nagatomo, Shinji Okazaki all made their tenth World Cup appearance, equaling Hidetoshi Nakata's record for a Japanese player.
- ⚽ Poland ended a run of conceding in ten consecutive World Cup matches.
- ⚽ Poland gave Europe its 1,000th appearance at the World Cup.

Senegal-Colombia

- ⚽ Jose Pekerman took charge of his 52nd match in FIFA competitions, breaking former Australia U-17 and U-20 coach Les Scheinflug's record. Pekerman has coached in the FIFA World Cup, FIFA Confederations Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup and FIFA U-17 World Cup.
- ⚽ For the first time since the World Cup became a 32-team tournament for France 1998, no African team reached the knockout phase.
- ⚽ Senegal lost in the group stage of a World Cup for the first time.
- ⚽ Colombia have gone 15 World Cup outings with a draw since a 1-1 stalemate with eventual champions West Germany in 1990.
- ⚽ All five South American sides won their final group games at Russia 2018. Four South American teams won their last group games in 1930, though two of them were against opponents from the same continent, with Argentina overcoming Chile 3-1 and Brazil beating Bolivia 4-0.

Panama-Tunisia

- ⚽ Fakhreddine Ben Youssef scored landmark goal number 2,500 in the World Cup.
- ⚽ Tunisia ended a run of 13 successive World Cup games without victory. Their first and only win in the competition had been on their maiden appearance in it, 3-1 against Mexico – another CONCACAF team – in 1978.
- ⚽ Tunisia became the eighth team – and the second this tournament after Saudi Arabia – to field all three of their goalkeepers in a World Cup. Since squads were increased to 23 players for the 2002 event, Tunisia became the second squad to use every one of its members after the Netherlands in 2014.

England-Belgium

- ⚽ Belgium won their seventh straight group-stage game and are unbeaten in their last 12 first-phase matches (seven wins; five draws).
- ⚽ Belgium beat England for the first time in 82 years, since a 3-2 friendly win in Brussels in May 1936.
- ⚽ England have lost their last three World Cup games against European teams: 4-1 to Germany in 2010, 2-1 to Italy in 2014 and 1-0 to Belgium in 2018.

2500th World Cup goal scored

Goal #	Goalscorer	Match	Goal	Result	Venue/Date
1	LAURENT Lucien, France	France - Mexico	1-0	4-1	Montevideo (URU), 13.07.1930
500	COLLINS Bobby, Scotland	Paraguay - Scotland	3-2	3-2	Norrköping (SWE), 11.06.1958
1,000	RENSENBRINK Rob, Netherlands	Scotland - Netherlands	0-1	3-2	Mendoza (ARG), 11.06.1978
1,500	CANIGGIA Claudio, Argentina	Argentina - Nigeria	1-1	2-1	Boston (USA), 25.06.1994
2,000	ALLBACK Marcus, Sweden	Sweden - England	1-1	2-2	Cologne (GER), 20.06.2006
2,500	BEN YOUSSEF Fakhreddine, Tunisia	Panama - Tunisia	1-1	1-2	Saransk (RUS), 28.06.2018

Next matches - Round of 16

Date	Match	City	Match No	Time (LT)
30.06.2018	Uruguay - Portugal	SOCHI	49	21:00
30.06.2018	France - Argentina	KAZAN	50	17:00
01.07.2018	Spain - Russia	MOSCOW	51	17:00
01.07.2018	Croatia - Denmark	NIZHNI NOVGOROD	52	21:00
02.07.2018	Brazil - Mexico	SAMARA	53	18:00
02.07.2018	Belgium - Japan	ROSTOV-ON-DON	54	21:00
03.07.2018	Sweden - Switzerland	ST. PETERSBURG	55	17:00
03.07.2018	Colombia - England	MOSCOW	56	21:00

Comparative stats at a glance

(status after 48 of 64 matches)

FIFA World Cup™	Teams / Matches	Goals	Average	Yellow / Red Cards*	Average	Attendance**	Average
Russia 2018	32 / 48	122	2.54	158 / 3	3.29 / 0.06	2,178,894	45,394
Brazil 2014	32 / 64	171	2.67	181 / 10	2.83 / 0.16	3,429,873	53,592
South Africa 2010	32 / 64	145	2.27	245 / 17	3.83 / 0.27	3,178,856	49,670
Germany 2006	32 / 64	147	2.30	307 / 28	4.80 / 0.44	3,359,439	52,491
Korea/Japan 2002	32 / 64	161	2.52	260 / 17	4.06 / 0.27	2,705,197	42,269
France 1998	32 / 64	171	2.67	250 / 22	3.91 / 0.34	2,785,100	43,517
USA 1994	24 / 52	141	2.71	221 / 15	4.25 / 0.29	3,587,538	68,991
Italy 1990	24 / 52	115	2.21	165 / 16	3.17 / 0.31	2,516,215	48,389
Mexico 1986	24 / 52	132	2.54	137 / 8	2.63 / 0.15	2,394,031	46,039
Spain 1982	24 / 52	146	2.81	99 / 5	1.90 / 0.10	2,109,723	40,572
Argentina 1978	16 / 38	102	2.68	59 / 3	1.55 / 0.08	1,545,791	40,679
Germany FR 1974	16 / 38	97	2.55	87 / 5	2.29 / 0.13	1,865,753	49,099
Mexico 1970	16 / 32	95	2.97	51 / 0	1.59 / 0	1,603,975	50,124
England 1966	16 / 32	89	2.78	21 / 5	0.66 / 0.16	1,563,135	48,848
Chile 1962	16 / 32	89	2.78	1 / 6	0.03 / 0.19	893,172	27,912
Sweden 1958	16 / 35	126	3.6	0 / 3	0 / 0.09	819,810	23,423
Switzerland 1954	16 / 26	140	5.38	0 / 3	0 / 0.12	768,607	29,562
Brazil 1950	13 / 22	88	4	1 / 0	0.05 / 0	1,045,246	47,511
France 1938	15 / 18	84	4.67	0 / 4	0 / 0.22	375,700	20,872
Italy 1934	16 / 17	70	4.12	0 / 1	0 / 0.06	375,000	22,059
Uruguay 1930	13 / 18	70	3.89	0 / 1	0 / 0.06	590,549	32,808

* Yellow cards do not include second cautions in same match / No. of red cards includes direct expulsions and indirect expulsions due to second caution in same match

**Attendance figures relate to the number of spectators as indicated in official FIFA match reports and not number of tickets sold. Figures also include double headers

Statistical wrap-up after the Group Stage

(status after 48 of 64 matches)

Status after 48 matches	
Total attendance	2,178,894
Average attendance	45,394
Number of goals / Goal average	122 / 2.54
Most goals scored	9 Belgium
Least goals scored	13 teams with 2
Most goals conceded	11 Panama
Least goals conceded	0 Uruguay
Number of penalties	24 (18 converted, 6 missed)
Number of own goals	9
Goals scored by substitutes	11 (out of 122, 9%)
Goals first half v. second half	47 v. 75
-goals in additional time 1st half	3
-goals in additional time 2nd half	16
Goals in first 10 minutes	8 (6.56%)
Goals in last 10 minutes	27 (22.13%)
Top goalscorer	5 KANE Harry (ENG)
Youngest goalscorer	19y 6m MBAPPE Kylian (FRA), 21.06.2018 (France - Peru)
Fastest goal	3' 48" CRISTIANO RONALDO (POR), 15.06.2018 (Portugal - Spain)
Highest wins	5 - 0, 14.06.2018 (Russia - Saudi Arabia) 6 - 1, 24.06.2018 (England - Panama)
Highest-scoring matches	5 - 2, 23.06.2018 (Belgium - Tunisia) 6 - 1, 24.06.2018 (England - Panama)
Highest number of wins	3 Belgium, Croatia, Uruguay
Highest number of defeats	3 Egypt, Panama
Number of yellow cards	158 (avg/game 3.29)
Number of red cards	3 (avg/game 0.06)
Most yellow cards	11 Panama
Least yellow cards	1 Saudi Arabia, Spain, Uruguay
Most red cards	1 Colombia, Germany, Russia

29 June Restday

Next matches – Round of 16 – 30 June



Uruguay - Portugal



Round of 16				
Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
49	30-06-2018	Cesar RAMOS (MEX)	SOCHI	21:00

2 previous head-to-heads (click [here](#) for full matchlist)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Portugal	2	1	1	0	4	1
Uruguay	2	0	1	1	1	4

Facts & figures

-  Portugal remain unbeaten after two previous meetings with Uruguay, both of which were friendlies. The southern Europeans' superior head-to-head record stands at one victory and a draw (which dates back to July 1972).
-  Uruguay have qualified for the Round of 16 for the third time in a row, while Portugal return to the knockout stage after eight years, having suffered a group-round exit in 2014.
-  The Uruguayans have a mixed record in FIFA World Cup matches decided in extra time, with one victory over the Soviet Union in the 1970 quarter-finals and a defeat by Hungary in the 1954 semi-finals.
-  Both teams have contested and won a penalty shoot-out in the competition: Uruguay outsmarted Ghana in the 2010 quarter-finals, whereas Portugal triumphed over England in another quarter-final in 2006.
-  Uruguay are on a three-match winning streak and have not let in a goal for 310 minutes. The last player to breach their defence was James Rodriguez, in the 2-0 defeat by Colombia at Brazil 2014. The Uruguayans' longest run without conceding is 390 minutes, dating back to 2010.
-  Portugal are unbeaten in their last five fixtures (two wins and three draws) and the showdown with Uruguay is their 30th game in the World Cup, where the Lusitanians debuted with a 3-1 victory over Hungary on 31 July 1966.
-  The South Americans have already played one World Cup fixture on 30 June, losing 4-2 to Hungary after extra time in the 1954 semi-finals.



France - Argentina













Round of 16

Match #	Date	Referee designation	City	Time (LT) UTC +3
50	30-06-2018	Alireza FAGHANI (IRN)	KAZAN	17:00

11 previous head-to-heads - (click [here](#) for full matchlist)

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Argentina	11	6	3	2	12	7
France	11	2	3	6	7	12

Facts & figures

-  The teams have already crossed paths 11 times and Argentina have the edge historically with six victories to France's two, plus three draws. France have not beaten Argentina since March 1986, when they prevailed 2-0 at the Parc des Princes in Paris, thanks to goals from Jean-Marc Ferreri and Philippe Vercauteren. The South Americans won both subsequent encounters, including the last one in February 2009 in Marseilles, where Jonas Gutierrez and Lionel Messi struck to earn a 2-0 victory.
-  Both of the pair's past FIFA World Cup™ meetings produced Argentinian victories, by the scorelines of 1-0 in the inaugural 1930 edition and 2-1 in 1978. Argentina went on to reach the Final in both editions.
-  France have made the Round of 16 for the second time in a row and did it without losing a group game, just as in 2014. Their opening-round tally for this and the last edition stands at four wins and two draws. Meanwhile, Argentina have qualified for the knockout stage for the fourth consecutive campaign.
-  *La Albiceleste* failed to win in their last four showdowns with European opposition in the World Cup, mustering two draws and two defeats. Their most recent success against a UEFA team was a 1-0 victory over Belgium in 2014.
-  That loss to Argentina in 1978 was also France's last defeat against South American opposition in the World Cup. Since then *Les Bleus* are unbeaten in seven encounters (totalling 757 minutes) with CONMEBOL representatives, having strung together four wins and four draws in all. The last South American to score against France was Brazil's Careca in 1986, during a 1-1 draw in the quarter-finals, which the French went on to win on penalties.
-  In the World Cup, Argentina have a favourable record in matches decided in extra time (three victories and one defeat, in the 2014 Final), as well as in penalty shoot-out matches (four wins and one loss).
-  By contrast, France have won two of the three games in which they were taken into extra time, compared with a mixed record (2-2) in penalty shoot-outs.
-  France's Round of 16 match four years ago was also played on 30 June. *Les Bleus* overcame Nigeria 2-0, courtesy of a Paul Pogba strike and an own goal by Joseph Yobo.
-  In comparison, Argentina have contested five World Cup fixtures on 30 June and only won on penalties. They lost 2-1 to Brazil in 1974, outsmarted Yugoslavia in a shoot-out in 1990, succumbed 2-0 to Bulgaria in 1994 and four years later earned another penalty shoot-out victory over England after a 2-2 draw. The last time the Argentinians played on 30 June was in 2006, when they lost a spot-kick duel against Germany.
-  Didier Deschamps is making his ninth World Cup appearance as a coach, taking him one short of the national record shared by Raymond Domenech and Michel Hidalgo.

On this day in the past

1958 & 1986

In 1958, Brazil win their first FIFA World Cup at the sixth attempt by defeating hosts Sweden 5-2. In 1986, Argentina claim their second World Cup title by downing Germany FR 3-2 in Mexico City, with the winning goal scored by Jorge Burruchaga.

2002

During the match for third place between Turkey and Korea Republic in Daegu, Hakan Şükür strikes the quickest goal in FIFA World Cup history after just 11 seconds.

2014

For the sixth time in a row, Mexico are eliminated in the round of 16, this time by the Netherlands following defeats in 2006 and 2010 by Argentina, in 2002 by the USA, in 1998 by Germany and in 1994 by Bulgaria on penalties.



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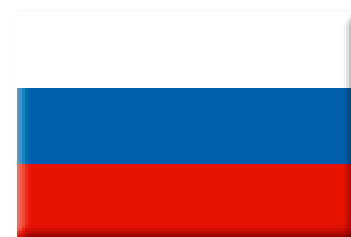
Metro to Moscow

A 33-stop journey through Russian and Soviet football history as we countdown towards the FIFA World Cup Final at the Luzhniki on July 15th.

16 days to the FINAL

On 16 August 1992, the Russian national team played for the first time following the collapse of the Soviet Union. In a friendly at the Lokomotiv Stadium in Moscow, Pavel Sadyrin's team beat Mexico 2-0. Interestingly, they were captained that day by goalkeeper Stanislav Cherchesov, the current head coach of the *Sbornaya*. The first goal in the history of the Russian national team was scored by Spartak Moscow midfielder Valery Karpin, who would go on to star for Spanish clubs Real Sociedad and Celta Vigo.

Russian Football Dictionary



How to say...

in Russian

Round of 16	1/8 финала / adna vas'maya feenala
Quarter-final	Четвертьфинал / chetvert'feenal
Semi-final	Полуфинал / poloofeenal
Final	Финал / feenal

Happy Birthday

Players, coaches and referees celebrating their Birthday

When	Turning...
29 JUNE	
Ever BANEGA (ARG)	30

From Russia with Love

Remembering the teams missing out in this year's FIFA World Cup

BULGARIA

FIFA World Cup™ facts & figures

Participations 7 (1962, 1966, 1970, 1974, 1986, 1994, 1998)
Best achievement 4th place 1994



Hristo Stoichkov's six goals in the 1994 edition earned him the title of joint-top scorer alongside Russia's Oleg Salenko.

Photo by Rick Stewart/Allsport

Bulgaria's 4-0 victory over Greece in 1994 ended their 17-game winless streak in the FIFA World Cup, which comprised six draws and 11 defeats dating back to 1962 and remains the longest in the event's history.

Photo by Ben Radford/ALLSPORT



In each of their last three participations, the Lions were led by a head coach with playing experience in the World Cup, namely Ivan Vutsov in 1986 (three appearances in 1966), Dimitar Penev in 1994 (nine games between 1966 and 1974) and Hristo Bonev in 1998 (six matches and two goals between 1970 and 1974).

Photo by Bob Thomas/Getty Images

Switching Roles

Nine of the coaches competing in Russia 2018 have playing experience in the FIFA World Cup. They will feature in our Stats of the Day together with other players/managers who have shaped the competition's history.

JACK CHARLTON

Legendary Leeds defender Jack Charlton played all six fixtures on the way to winning the world title with England in 1966. He also made one appearance against Czechoslovakia four years later in Mexico. As a coach, Charlton guided Republic of Ireland in their historic first FIFA World Cup outing in 1990, when their campaign was derailed by hosts Italy in the quarter-finals.



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Football Fashion

Iran in 1978



...and now



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Striking snaps from tournaments past



Restday - Time to take a break for referee Gottfried Dienst (SUI) before the start of extra-time in the 1966 World Cup Final between England and Germany FR.

Tantalizing World Cup Trivia

Today's question

Which teams have won the title despite losing a match earlier in the same edition?

→ *Solution will be revealed in tomorrow's edition*

Yesterday's solution

Which coach has managed the most host teams?

→ *Bora Milutinovic, at Mexico 1986 and USA 1994*



Memorabilia marvel

Designed to showcase the extraordinary history of the FIFA World Cup, the FIFA World Football Museum in Zurich covers all aspects of international football's rich heritage and shows how the beautiful game connects and inspires the world. With an interactive, multimedia display of exhibits, the museum explores the emotions that football awakens around the world on a daily basis. Exhibition space of more than 3,000 square meters offers a fascinating journey through time. During the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ we are happy to present a few of the many objects.

1934

Commemorative plate award to Italy's double World Cup winning coach Vittorio Pozzo

Of the 20 World Cups played, there have been 19 different World Cup winning coaches. That leaves just one person who has won it twice, Italy's Vittorio Pozzo. This commemorative plate was given to him in recognition of the World Cup triumph of 1934 but he was still in charge four years later when Italy carried off the Cup for a second time. Pozzo's double triumph may be unique in World Cup history but it is under threat at Russia 2018. In an age where the shelf life of national team coaches is limited, Germany's Joachim Löw has bucked the trend. After Germany's 2017 Confederations Cup triumph, he celebrated 11 years in charge and in Russia he is aiming to become the first coach to emulate Pozzo.



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